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Today is a public holiday, being Whitsun Monday. E. and I went off this morning and toured the Place des Victoires, on the edge of the Marais, then the charming Place Dauphine, where I would rather live than almost any part of Paris. When it rained, we sought refuge in a sidewalk café and had a cinzano.

We then went to Madame Esmond's Club. Louise de Vilmorin was the only other regular member present. She is having a romance with Aly Khan, who came to lunch, as did André de Vilmorin, Princesse Marthe Bibesco, and Louise's brother Henri, who arrived last night from New York. Henry said Cabell Bruce was staying in his apartment in New York seeking to raise a large amount of money for another oil venture in Texas. He said the wells already discovered are promising, and he has a high opinion of Cabell's ability and skill in this business.

I went to the office this afternoon, where we considered various papers for presentation to the Ambassadors' meeting in London later in the week. There is a discouraging despatch from Bedell Smith at Geneva saying that, in a recent conversation with Bidault, the latter had expressed himself as not well pleased with the Strasbourg Saar agreement. Bidault was opposed to meeting Adenauer in the near future on the grounds that no French Government could survive a simultaneous discussion of Indo-China, the Saar, and EDC. This sounds like the same old tactic of delay. Meanwhile, the Embassy has reported its belief that the Government will fall at the end of the Indo-China debate this week.

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